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| In re Application of | : | DECISION ON RENEWED |
| JIANG, et al. | : | |
| Application No.: 10/534,579 | : | |
| PCT No.: PCT/US03/35946 | : | PETITION UNDER |
| Int. Filing Date: 10 November 2003 | : | |
| Priority Date: 13 November 2002 | : | 37 CFR 1.47(a) |
| Atty. Docket No.: 039386-2266 | : | |
| For: LIPID-ASSOCIATED MOLECULES | : | |

This decision is in response to the applicant's "RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)" filed 14 November 2006 in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

BACKGROUND

On 14 July 2006, applicant was mailed a decision dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accept the application without the signatures of joint inventors Xin Jiang, Hsin-Ru Chang and Kimberely J. Gietzen. Applicant was afforded two months to file any request for reconsideration and advised that this period could be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

On 14 November 2006, applicant filed the present renewed petition accompanied by a petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate extension of time fee, a declaration executed by the one of the previously non-signing inventors, Xin Jiang and a declaration executed by inventor Jaji Murage where the inventor has dated and initialed a change made to the declaration.

DISCUSSION

As detailed in the decision mailed 14 July 2006, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g), (2) factual proof that the missing joint investor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by each 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor. With the filing of the present petition and accompanying paperwork applicant has satisfied all of the items of concern from the decision mailed 14 July 2006.

For the reasons stated above, it is proper to grant applicant's renewed petition at this time.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 10 November 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and will be given a date of **14 November 2006** under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventors at their last known addresses of record.

A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision. Specifically, the mailing of a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903).



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